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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Linda A. Fossum, DOB: 11/29/1950, of 1620 Cunningham Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to bank embezzlement. At the plea hearing, Fossum admitted that while she was employed at US Bank, La Crosse, Wisconsin, she embezzled approximately \$40,000 from that institution.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for November 22, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. Fossum faces a maximum penalty of up to 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, five years of supervised release, and entry of an appropriate restitution order.

The charge against Linda Fossum was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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